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Letter dated 5 October 2001 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I wish to refer to my report to the Security Council on Guinea-Bissau of 27 September 2001 (S/2001/915), which focused on the latest developments in that country and on the contributions of the United Nations Peace-building Support Office in Guinea-Bissau (UNOGBIS) to the country's peace consolidation efforts.

In that report, I stated that despite some positive developments, the overall situation in Guinea-Bissau remained dangerously unstable, and I called for the critical support of the international community.

The authorities of Guinea-Bissau, in recent discussions with my Representative, have commended the work of UNOGBIS and have requested the extension of its mandate until the next legislative and presidential elections.

In that light, I propose that the mandate of UNOGBIS, which expires on 31 December 2001, be extended until 31 December 2002.

I should be grateful if you would bring the present letter to the attention of members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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